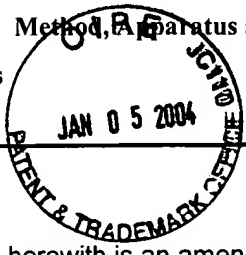
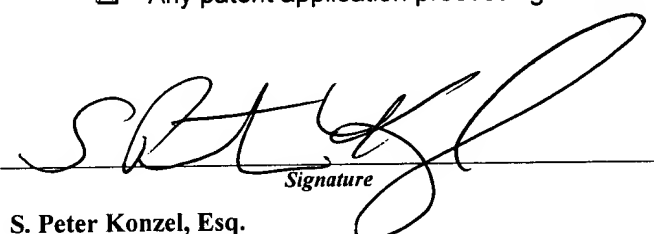
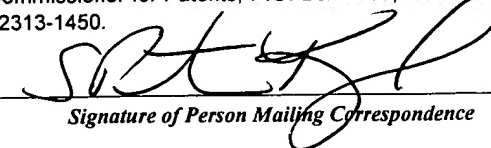


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This is a reply to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003 regarding the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: